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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors

**INTERSTATE 710 MAJOR CORRIDOR STUDY
AMENDMENT TO GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS-COUNTY
AGREEMENT NO. 74393
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Chairman of the Board to sign the enclosed amendment to Agreement No. 74393 between the County of Los Angeles and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments providing for the County to pay an additional amount of \$185,000 toward the projected costs to complete the study.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor is the principal transportation connection between the County of Los Angeles and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. It is an essential component in the regional, Statewide, and national transportation system as it serves both goods movement and passenger needs. The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles rank third in world container sea trade and represent the nation's most important port region. Port-related truck traffic has a significant influence on the existing conditions along the corridor. Currently, trucks account for 45 to 60 percent of freeway capacity, and this traffic is expected to grow substantially due to the extension of the ports, interstate freight movement, weekday commute traffic, and weekend recreational traffic. By the year 2020, it is expected that demand will exceed capacity on the I-710 Corridor.

To adequately address all the interrelated issues of transportation, economic redevelopment within the I-710 Corridor, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the California Department of Transportation, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments have undertaken the I-710 Major Corridor Study to seek ways to improve travel conditions along the I-710 Corridor and adjacent surface streets from the State Route 60 to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The goal of the study is to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the overall transportation system within the corridor, and based on results of this evaluation, produce a complete corridor plan to identify a preferred alternative.

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments' consultant has identified five design alternatives for the improvement of the corridor and is presently working with all agencies and communities along the corridor in the development of a hybrid alternative that combines appropriate elements from the five alternatives and will result in less impacts on residential and commercial properties. The Gateway Cities Council of Governments has requested County's assistance in the amount of \$185,000 for additional engineering services needed to complete the study.

Because of the study's regional significance, we recommend that the County contribute \$185,000 for the additional engineering services required to complete the study from the First, Second, and Fourth Supervisorial Districts' allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness by utilizing a collaborative effort between various agencies to undertake a study for the improvement of travel conditions along the I-710 Corridor. It also meets the goal of Service Excellence since the study may ultimately result in a project that will enhance the safety of motorists and improve the quality of life for residents along the I-710 Corridor.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The amendment to Agreement provides for the County to pay \$185,000 to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. Funds will be made available as follows: \$85,000 from the First, \$50,000 from the Second, and \$50,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial Districts' allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds available in the Transit Enterprise Fund administered by Public Works.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The amendment to Agreement was reviewed and approved as to form by the County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Since the enclosed amendment to Agreement does not constitute the approval of a project pursuant to Section 307 of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, the proposed action is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

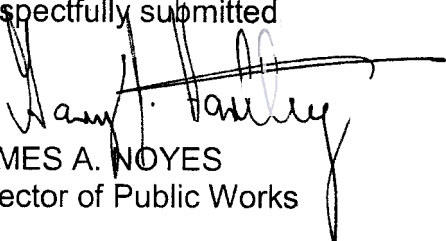
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will result in no impact to current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return the copy marked "COG ORIGINAL" to us for processing together with two approved copies of this letter. The copy marked "COUNTY ORIGINAL" is for your files.

Respectfully submitted



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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

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THIS AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and the GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, a joint powers authority, hereinafter referred to as "GATEWAY":

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, GATEWAY has entered into an agreement with the California Department of Transportation, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to conduct a major investment study to examine potential improvements to the Interstate 710 Corridor, hereinafter referred to as "PROGRAM"; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and GATEWAY have heretofore executed GATEWAY-COUNTY Agreement No. 74393, dated March 11, 2003, hereinafter referred to as "AGREEMENT," for the COUNTY to pay GATEWAY an assessment in the amount of Thirty-five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$35,000.00) for its proportional share of the projected costs of PROGRAM for Fiscal Year 2002-03; and

WHEREAS, GATEWAY consultant has identified five alternatives for PROGRAM and is presently working with all agencies along the Interstate 710 Corridor in the development of a hybrid alternative that combines appropriate elements from the five alternatives with less impacts on residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, PROGRAM would impact unincorporated County areas along the Interstate 710 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY is a member of the Oversight Policy Committee, which oversees the preparation and will approve PROGRAM; and

WHEREAS, GATEWAY has determined that additional engineering services are required to complete PROGRAM, referred hereinafter as "SERVICES"; and

WHEREAS, GATEWAY has requested additional assistance from COUNTY in the amount of One Hundred Eighty-five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$185,000.00) to finance a portion of the cost of SERVICES; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to contribute an additional One Hundred Eighty-five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$185,000.00) to finance a portion of the cost of SERVICES.

NOW, THEREFORE, GATEWAY and COUNTY mutually agree to amend AGREEMENT as follows:

Add the following Paragraph (a) to Section 4:

COUNTY agrees to pay GATEWAY, following execution of the Amendment to Agreement, the amount of One Hundred Eighty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$185,000.00) as COUNTY'S additional contribution toward the projected costs to complete PROGRAM for a new total of \$220,000.

In all other respects, the provisions of AGREEMENT No. 61535 shall remain in effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT to be executed by their respective officers, duly authorized, by the GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS on _____, 2004, and by the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES on _____, 2004.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors


ATTEST:

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles


By _____
Deputy


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

By  _____
Frank Colonna, President

ATTEST: 
By _____
Richard R. Powers, Secretary